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'Tis the too bold improbability,
That wakes ridiculous the labour'd lye.
Mr. Wycherley to Mr. Dryden.

SIR,

THE favourable reception *The Modern Huſband* has met with from the Town, having given me ſome occaſion to doubt of the juſtneſs of the judgment I had framed of that Piece, from ſeeing it the firſt night of its repreſentation, I reſolved to give it a careful and unprejudiced reading. You know, Mr. BAVIUS, tho' it be poſſible to form a pretty tolerable idea of the goodneſs or badneſs of a Play from ſeeing it acted once; it is certainly the ſurer way to judge rightly of it, to examine it careſully in one's cloſet. An Author may, indeed, fare worſe from this examination, than from an immediate ſentence delivered from the benches in the Boxes or Pit. The good humour with which the Play-houſe generally inſpires one; the beautiful appearance of the Ladies, who never fail to croud at a firſt night; the action of the Players; their cloaths, ſcenes, and other theatrical decorations, help very much a good, as well as a bad Play; and contribute not a little to byaſs us in our opinions. The tryal of the Play is, when we ſee it diveſted of all theſe exterior helps; and take it, as we would a fine woman, naked of all its ornamental drapery; then it is either really beautiful or not.

Having examined *The Modern Husband* in this manner, without ſeeing any reaſon to alter my firſt judgment, I ſhall, with your good leave, Mr. BAVIUS, lay before you ſuch reflections as occurred to me during this examination. You muſt not expect a formal piece of criticiſm from me, deduced with method and order; all that I pretend to, is only to give you my reaſons for diſliking a performance that had been ſo cried up, both within and without the Houſe, before its appearance in print.

The deſign and end of Comedy, Mr. BAVIUS, is, as I take it, to divert and inſtruct mankind. We may then lay down as a maxim, That no Comedy that wants this fundamental point can be good. Now, I preſume, it will not be thought, that the diverting of mankind is properly done by the jokes of a Pickled-herring, the grimaces of a Scaramouch, or the agility of a Tumbler: at leaſt it muſt be allowed, that theſe methods of diverting mankind come not within the province of Comedy; nay, that they are even below Farce. What then does come within that province? To divert mankind, *Comedy chuſes ſuch characters, as having nothing abſolutely ill in them, render themſelves nevertheleſs ridiculous by their follies.* This then we may lay down as a general rule in this point.

As to the inſtruction of mankind, the ſecond end of Comedy, this may be done either by drawing characters that may ſerve for models for our conduct in life; or elſe by ſhewing the inconveniencies, under which the vicious bring themſelves, and opening a gate for them to eſcape. People that find themſelves in the circumſtances of ſuch a Drama, are by this means inſtructed, and very often reformed.

Thus Comedy, Mr. BAVIUS, may be either ſerious, or merry, or both. Our beſt Comedies are thoſe that mix the ſerious and merry together: of this kind are *The Careleſs Husband, The Conſcious Lovers, The Journey to London*, &c. The decency of polite life is preſerved in theſe pieces; and the whole interſperſed with characters that enliven the ſcene, and feaſt the mind with an agreeable mixture of light and ſolid meats. The Fable likewiſe ought to be ſuch, as ſuits with theſe two ends; and this will neceſſarily exclude characters not ſeen in common life, or at leaſt very rarely. For no Poet ought to rake into human nature, and compound characters from the exceſſes of each of our paſſions, or the intemperance of ſome of our humours, in order to entertain his Audience with ſomething new; which would rather prove an inlet to vice and folly than an excluſion of either. Such a thing were ſcarce allowable, even if there were not follies and vices enow practiſed by the polite part of both ſexes, that require an immediate cure. A Poet therefore that neglects theſe, to expoſe others that as yet are only theoretic, and are introduced into life by his prolific brain, does a very abſurd thing, and falls very ſhort of the true end and deſign of Comedy. But to come to the Play now before me.

The Author of *The Modern Husband* does not appear to have had a true notion of Comedy. He ſeems to have thought, that the aſſembling of a certain number of characters together, under the titles of Huſbands and Wives, Sons and Daughters, is ſufficient to preſerve the relation that ought to be kept up between the perſons of the Drama; and that the making of them talk together, is enough to form the dialogue part of it. Thus with the addition of a popular ſcene or two, ſuch as a great man's levee, which he thought could not fail of pleaſing, and therefore clapt it in without enquiring whether it was neceſſary to the Play or not, and ſome other accidental chit-chat, which filled up a certain quantity of paper, having artfully tacked the whole together, he calls this motly compoſition a Comedy.

Now if half the perſons of the Drama, and the converſation that paſſes between them, might all be entirely left out, without hurting the main action of the Play, all good judges will condemn the performance; unleſs there is ſomething exceeding beautiful and entertaining in the converſations of theſe perſons, that may juſtify their unaccountable introduction. I would fain aſk this Author, what buſineſs Capt. BELLAMANT and EMILIA, Mr. GAYWIT and LADY CHARLOTTE have with the main deſign of the Play? What buſineſs Lord RICHLY and his levee have? What is there in their converſation to juſtify their introduction? What variety is there in their characters? Mr. GAYWIT is only EMILIA dreſt in mens cloaths; and EMILIA, GAYWIT in womens. Capt. BELLAMANT and Lady CHARLOTTE need only change cloaths to appear each the other, we have the Captain's word for it.

Capt. BELLAMANT. You dear agreeable creature! Sure never were two people ſo like one another as you and I are; we think alike, we act alike, and ſome people think we are very much alike in the face. P. 64.

But what are their characters? Never was any thing more impertinent than Lady CHARLOTTE, or more ſilly than her converſation. She is ſuppoſed to be a young Lady of great life and vivacity, whoſe ſallies are to be both witty and agreeable. Hear her ſpeak.

Lady CHARLOTTE. Oh! dear MODERN, I wiſh you had ſeen EMILIA's dreſſing-box; ſuch japaning ——— he! he! he!— ſhe hath varniſhed over a windmill ten ſeveral times, before ſhe diſcover'd ſhe had placed the wrong ſide upwards. P. 26.

Mrs. MODERN anſwers her in the ſame ſtyle. —— Oh! my Dear, I have had juſt ſuch another misfortune; I have laid out thirty pounds on a cheſt, and now I diſlike it of all things.

Wonderful indeed! — But ſhe has not done yet.

But you have not heard half my misfortune; for when I ſent my cheſt to be ſold, what do you think I was offer'd for my thirty pounds worth of work? P. 27.

Lady CHARLOTTE. I don't know; fifty guineas, perhaps.

Mrs. MODERN. Twenty ſhillings, as I live.

Lady CHARLOTTE. Oh! intolerable! Oh! inſufferable!

Intolerable, inſufferable indeed! —— After the Hazard they re-enter, and Lady CHARLOTTE is as bright as ever.

Lady CHARLOTTE. Oh, my Dear, you never ſaw the like. ——— MODERN has held in nine thouſand mains in one hand, and won all the world. P. 29.

Oh heaven and earth! but this is wonderful!

Lady CHARLOTTE [ſpeaking of GAYWIT in a rallying way] Oh! the moſt agreeable creature in the world. —— He has more wit than any body: he has made me laugh five hundred hours together. P. 30.

Gods! is't poſſible! ſure ſhe exaggarates: Oh BAVIUS! Oh! CONUNDRUM! Can this be true? —— The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th ſcenes of the third Act are full of the ſame redundancies of wit, too numerous to point out here: but I cannot omit ſome ſtrokes of fire in the 5th Act.

Capt. BELLAMANT. Siſter, good-morrow; Lady CHARLOTTE abroad ſo early! P. 63.

Lady CHARLOTTE. You may well be ſurpriz'd: I have not been out at this hour theſe fifty years. P. 64. — Smart indeed!

Lady CHARLOTTE [Speaking of the Capt.] Well, he has ſuch an exceſſive aſſurance, that I am not really ſure whether he is not agreeable. Let me dye, if I am not under ſome ſort of ſuſpence about it; ——— and yet I am not neither; ——— for to be ſure I don't like the thing; —— and yet methinks I do too; —— and yet I do not know what I ſhould do with him neither. ——— Hi! hi! hi! —— This is the fooliſheſt circumſtance that ever I knew in my life. P. 72.

Hi! hi! hi! thou art the fooliſheſt creature I ever ſaw in my life.

Lady CHARLOTTE. What can the creature mean? I know not what to think of him. Sure it can't be true! but if it ſhould be true —— I can't believe it true; —— and yet it may be true too. P. 75.—Lack-a-day, lack-a-day.

But to be a little ſerious. Either Lady CHARLOTTE's character is deſigned as a model for young Ladies of faſhion to imitate, or quite the reverſe; and ſhe is ſome impertinent character the Author intended to ridicule. Which of the the two he meant, I really can't tell. If it be an original of his own invention, which he has compoſed out of the intemperance of female vivacity, he has been led away by that falſe notion ſo prevalent among modern Poets, of ſhewing ſomething new; and, as I obſerved before, fallen very ſhort of the true end and deſign of Comedy. If he had any particular perſon in his eye, whoſe folly he intended to expoſe, in order to prevent other young Ladies from falling into the ſame errors; he has indeed ſucceeded in expreſſing that character, but will will hardly cure either that perſon, or ſave any others of the like turn. For as throughout the whole Play, Lady CHARLOTTE does not ſhew one grain of underſtanding, the real Lady CHARLOTTES that tread the grand Theatre of the world (if ſuch there be, which I much queſtion) muſt be ſuppoſed as void of underſtanding (for if they had any, they would not be what they are) and if they are void of underſtanding, what hopes of amendment or cure? Lady CHARLOTTE's vivacity ariſes from her want of underſtanding. Had he therefore given this Lady a little underſtanding, to temper this immoderate vivacity of her nature; he would have drawn a better character, and a more uſeful one.

As to EMILIA and GAYWIT, they are but faint ſketches after Lady GRACE and Mr. MANLY in *The Journey to London*; as Mr. and Mrs. BELLAMANT, are of Lord and Lady EASY in *The Careleſs Husband*, with an alteration of ſome few circumſtances.

I know not why he has made Lord RICHLY a great man, unleſs it be for the ſake of deſcribing a levee; nor why this great man ſhould be the greateſt rogue that ever lived: I don't conceive but that the Play had gone on full as well without it. The making of a great man abſolutely and totally bad, both in his public and private ſtation, in his morals and behaviour, is ſo poor, ſo ſcandalous, ſo vulgar, and ſo mean a piece of ſatire, that (fools, malicious or diſcontented perſons, may indeed laugh, but) all good and wiſe men will deſpiſe the odious picture.

As to the *Modern Husband* and his Lady, they are ſuch wretches, that they are as much below Comedy, as they are our pity: he calls them, very juſtly, in the *Prologue*, a pair of monſters *moſt entirely new.*

To night (yet ſtrangers to the ſcene) you'll view
A pair of monſters moſt entirely new!
Two characters ſcarce ever found in life,
A willing Cuckold ——— ſells his *willing Wife!*

Thus the affectation and inordinate deſire of ſaying ſomething new, has made our Author draw ſome of the vileſt characters that ever yet entered into Comedy, and honour them with the title of *Modern*; implying (in contradiction to what the *Prologue* ſays) by that title, not only, that there are ſuch characters, but that they are common too: for what can the *Modern Husband* mean, but a character actually come into faſhion? elſe it is theoretic, as obſerved above, and introduced into life only by his prolific brain. But what inſtruction or pleaſure can be gathered from this heap of abſurdity? thoſe parts from which inſtruction may be reaped, (viz.) the reformation of Mr. BELLAMANT, the prudent conduct of his Wife; and the marriage of GAYWIT and EMILIA, being imitations from much better Plays than this; and thoſe parts from which we are to expect pleaſure, being a moſt monſtrous kind of wit, conſiſting in an affected invention of ridiculous names, ſuch as the *Dutcheſs of* SIMPLETON, *Lady Betty* SHUTTLECOCK, Mrs. SQUABBLE, Mrs. WITLESS, Lady BARBARA PAWNJEWELS, &c. and a moſt affected choice of very extraordinary ſimilies and ſurpriſing chit-chat.

Theſe, Mr. BAVIUS, are the reflections that occurred to me in reading the *Modern Husband*. I found indeed here and there, but very ſparingly ſcattered, a touch that implied good ſenſe and reflection; but, like an April ſun, it only ſhews itſelf, and away; bad weather returns, and we have a great deal of filth to ſtruggle through. I am,

Mr. BAVIUS,

March 7, 173½. Your unknown friend and [illegible]

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P.S. The Author having mentioned in the Prologue, hat he *feared no Critick that can read*; and ſaid in one part of his Play, that this ſelling one's Wife was quite †*unknown to the Ancients*; I deſire to know how I muſt underſtand this paſſage in *Horace*, Book III. Ode 6.

Mox juniores quærit adulteros
Inter mariti vina: neque eligit
Cui donet impermiſſa raptim
Gaudia luminibus remotis:
Sed juſſa coram non ſine conſcio
Surgit marito, *ſeu vocat inſtiſtor,*
Seu navis Hiſpanæ magiſter,
Dedecorum preciojus emptor.

† This is not ſaid in any Part of the Play. GAYWIT ſays indeed, P. 23. 'It is a modern trade, *unknown to our* '*Anceſtors.*' For it does not appear, that they were ſo much debauched as theſe Romans. BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *March* 23.

Yeſterday the Rev. Mr. Bundy preach'd in the Chappel Royal at S. James's, before her Majeſty, his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and the 5 Princeſſes. *C.* —— The R. Hon. the L. Wilmington, Preſident of the Council, was pleaſed to appoint Mr. Cha. Dickinſon to be a Chamber-keeper to the Council-Office, in the room of his father deceaſed. *P.*

This morning his Excellency Geo. Woodward, Eſq; his Majeſty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Poland, ſet out. *P.* —— This morning he will ſet out. *D P. Mar.* 24. —— Yeſterday morning he ſet out. *P. Mar.* 25.

On tueſday Dr. Clarke was unanimouſly choſen Phyſician for Guy's Hoſpital, in the room of Dr. Jurin, who hath reſigned. *C. D P.* —— A fine braſs ſtatue is going to be made of Mr. Guy, to be ſet on a pedeſtal, with iron rails round it, in the Court of the ſaid Hoſpital. *D P.*

The account publiſhed yeſterday, under the title of *An extract of a letter from* Briſtol, relating to the taking of the Biddy Snow by the Spaniards) (if underſtood to be a late tranſaction) is a groſs impoſition; the ſubſtance thereof was publiſhed in the *D. Journal*, Sept. 6; the Snow having been taken in April. *C.* —— *Were this* tranſaction *either* formerly *or* lately, *it was* a groſs impoſition *upon us* by the Spaniards.

Yeſterday the R. Hon. the L. Mayor, with ſeveral of the Aldermen, went in the L. Mayor's barge to Weſtminſter, and held a Court for conſervation of the river Thames, commonly called Swan-hopping, &c. *S J.*

We are aſſured that a method is newly found out to prevent infallibly the ſmoaking of chimneys, let their former ſituation be where or what it will. *S J.* —— *Mr.* TH — *reads* their form or ſituation, &c.

M. de Chavigny, who arrived here ſome months ſince from Paris, hath not as yet taken upon him a publick character. *L E.*

The Vicarage of Wandſworth in the County of Surrey, is in the gift of Mr. Ackworth, an unfortunate Gentleman, now priſoner in the King's Bench, and is reputed worth 400 l. per ann. *W E.*

They write from Glouceſter, that on monday ſe'nnight two Brothers in law, in a ſmall boat, endeavouring to paſs through one of the arches at Over's-bridge, it overſet, and they were both drowned. —— On ſaturday ſe'nnight one Owner Pearce's paſſage boat bound from Briſtol to Newnham, ſtruck upon the ſands within 2 miles of Newnham, and ſunk immediately; by which accident 8 or 10 perſons loſt their lives. *D P.*

On tueſday laſt died at his houſe in Eſſex, after a tedious indiſpoſition, Capt. Winter, an old Commander in the Eaſt India Company's ſervice. *D P. C.* —— Yeſterday died of an apoplexy, at his houſe in Chancery-lane, Mr. Jabez Collier, an eminent Soliciter in the Court of Chancery. *D P.*

Chipping-Campden, Glouceſterſhire, Mar. 20. The Office of High Steward of this Corporation being vacant by the death of the late L. Conway, the R. Hon. the E. of Gainſborough, and Will. Taylor of the Inner-Temple, Eſq, were put in nomination for that Office, and the latter duly elected. *P.*

Laſt night, between 11 and 12, one Sam. Slow, who keeps a Pamphlet ſhop without Temple Bar, was committed by 6 Juſtices to Newgate, for publiſhing a Pamphlet called, *Vanella*, or, *the fair Concubine.* And we hear by the interceſſion of ſeveral eminent Jews, there are Warrants out againſt the Publiſhers of a Pamphlet called, *An Hiſtorical and Law Treatiſe againſt* Jews *and* Judaiſm. *W E.* —— Yeſterday the Publiſhers of a ſcandalous, fooliſh Pamphlet were taken up; and one committed to Newgate. *D P. Mar.* 24.

The ſtory of the Warrants, *I dare ſay, is not true,*
But put in as a puff by the pyratical crew,
Whoſe Authors *ſeem* Turks, *and their* Printer *a* Jew.

N. B. *Inſtead of* Law Treatiſe *the falſe Title page has* Law-Treaties. *I take it to be nothing but a* Treatiſe *printed in two* Poſt-boys *ſome time ago.*

FRIDAY, *March* 24.

Yeſterday his Majeſty, after walking in the Mall with the Envoys of Holland, Sardinia and Sweden, went in his chair to the Meuſe, and there view'd the ſtabling, &c. and gave a handſome preſent to the Workmen. *D P.* Ten guineas. *P.* —— On monday his Majeſty ſign'd a commiſſion, appointing Will. Simpſon, Gent. Lieut. in the Hon. Major Gen. Tatton's Regiment of foot, &c. *P.*

On wedneſday in the evening his Royal Highneſs the Prince gave an handſome entertainment at the Haymarket, to ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, of both ſexes. *C.* — Laſt night there was an aſſembly at the Opera houſe in the Hay-market. &c. *P.*

Yeſterday the Hon. John Roberts, Eſq; and Mr. Gray, a young Gentleman belonging to the Navy Office, Author of *A treatiſe on gunnery*, were admitted Fellows of the Royal Society. *C.*

Laſt week died at his ſeat of Penn in Buckinghamſhire, John Penn, Eſq; aged about 90, by whoſe death near 2000 l. per ann. falls to his Grandſon, Sir Nath. Curzon, Bar. *D P.* —— On ſaturday died Eaſtland Hawksmore, Eſq; at his ſeat near Gainſborough in Lincolnſhire. *C.* At Gainſborough. *D P.* —On wedneſday died at his houſe in Lime ſtreet, Mr. Tho. Grainger, Chief Clerk to the Committee of accounts of the Eaſt India Company. *D J.* At his lodgings at Iſlington. *P.* Yeſterday Mrs. Haddock, a maiden Gentlewoman, daughter of Sir Richard, as ſhe was drinking a diſh of tea, at her lodgings near Golden-ſquare, was taken with an apoplectick fit, and died with the diſh in her hand. *P.*

The Small-pox has raged very much at Queenſborough, for 2 or 3 months, and been very fatal, having carried off many, both old and young. *D J.*

SATURDAY, *March* 25.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Lockyer, Dean of Peterborough, preached before their Majeſties and the Royal Family at S. James's. *C.* — Mr. Burroughs, lately Chamber-keeper at the Secretary's Office, is appointed one of the poor Knights of Windſor; and Mr. Winn, a Domeſtick of the R. Hon. the L. Harrington, is appointed to ſucceed him as Chamber-keeper. *C. D P.* Mr. Will. Gwyn. *P.*

On thurſday the Directors of the Bank, for the more ready diſpatch of buſineſs, appointed two additional Caſhiers, viz. Capt. Gregory and Mr. Caruthers. *C.* There are now 6 Caſhiers. *D P.*

Yeſterday the R. Hon. the Lord Mayor, attended with ſeveral of the Aldermen, went to Stratford to hold a Court of Conſervacy, according to annual cuſtom, and afterwards croſſed the river to Greenwich, where they were entertained at dinner in a very elegant manner. *D P.*

Yeſterday a General Court of the York Buildings Company was held at their houſe in Wincheſter-ſtreet, when Sir Bibye Lake and Sol. Aſhley, Eſq; were choſen Aſſiſtants, in the room of Mr. Squire and Mr. Townley. The accounts of the Company were laid before the Court by the Governor, to the great ſatisfaction of the Proprietors. *D J.*

Dover, Mar. 23. Yeſterday two Sons of the Lord Waldgrave embarqued here for Calais, in their way to Paris. *P.*

Yeſterday a General Court was held of the South Sea Company, at their Houſe in Threadneedle-ſtreet, when the Sub-Governor acquainted them, that the Court of Directors had conſidered of what was referr'd to them at the laſt General Court, about putting their affairs under a better regulation; and after ſeveral ſpeeches made, *pro* and *con*, a motion was made, and carried in the affirmative, that 600,000 l. Bonds in the Company's hands ſhould be forthwith cancell'd. And then, in order to prevent the Company running further in debt, they reſolved that no Bonds ſhould for the future be iſſued without the conſent of a General Court called for that purpoſe ſpecially; and that when money ſhall be appropriated for paying any of the Company's Bonds, the ſame to be apply'd to all thoſe now outſtanding in equal proportions, the preſent amount being 1 967,850 l. Alſo that the Bonds hereafter iſſued ſhall be enter'd in a regiſter Book kept for that purpoſe, which may be inſpected by any Proprietor of 1000 l. Stock; and when any be paid off, to be done numerically. Likewiſe that the Court of Directors frame a ſcheme, built upon the plan then preſented by Mr. Woodford, to divide the Stock, viz. ⅔ into an annuity free from all incumbrances, and ⅓ into trading Stock charged with all the Company's Bonds; and to have the effects in trade, and all the benefits and advantages ariſing thereby; ſubject alſo to any, and all accidents that may happen therein; and that they print the ſaid ſcheme for the deliberation of the Proprietors. The debates about what is to be done with the million expected at Michaelmas, from the ſinking fund, was adjourn'd, the ſame not being yet appropriated by Parliament: after which the Sub Governor adjourn'd the Court *ſine die. D P.*

MONDAY, *March* 27.

Yeſterday the R. Rev. the L. Biſhop of Glouceſter preached before their Majeſties and the Royal Family, in the Chappel Royal at S. James's. *C.* —— Mr. Elliſon is made Enſign in Lieutenant Gen. Tatton's Regiment of Foot, in the room of Enſign Cole. *D P.*

On ſaturday, Mr. Chavigny, who lately arrived here as Reſident from the Court of France, went to reſide at the houſe of John Chetwynd, Eſq; Repreſentative in Parliament for Stockbridge in Hants, in Greek-ſtreet, Soho. *P.*

On friday died the Lady of Sir Will. Humfreys, Bar. at his ſeat at Jenkins in Eſſex. *P.* On ſaturday morning. *C. D P.* — On friday died in Lincolns-Inn-Fields, the Lady Stoughton, Wife of Counſellor Turner. *D P.* —— We hear that Mr. Leaſe, belonging to the Charitable Corporation, who was diſcharged out of Newgate, died on friday laſt. *P.*

Wedneſday laſt Sam. Slow was committed to Newgate, by 6 of his Majeſty's Juſtices, for publiſhing a Pamphlet, in which were contained ſeveral leud and ſcandalous paragraphs, or paſſages, full of the moſt obſcene ribaldry, the ſpreading whereof has a tendency to corrupt the minds and manners of the youth, and others, of both ſexes of this kingdom. Warrants are granted by the ſaid Magiſtrates againſt others for the like offence. *C.*

Not for the Hiſtorical Treatiſe againſt the Jews;
But for vile bawdy Books, *fit only for the ſtews.*
And 'twould be for the benefit of the whole nation,
If themſelves, as well as Jews, *were to ſuffer caſtration.*

TUESDAY, *March* 28.

On thurſday Capt. Beresford, Commander of the Prince William, in the Eaſt India Company's ſervice, was married to Miſs Silveſter of the Tower a young Lady of great beauty and merit, with a fortune 10,000 l. *C.* —— *If this* Lady's beauty *is as* great *as her* merit.

On ſunday, the High Conſtable of the Tower Diviſion, took up 19 vagrants, &c. in and about the pariſh of Shoreditch, 5 of whom were committed to Bridewell, and the reſt diſcharged on giving ſecurity. *C.*

Yeſterday died at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn [at his houſe near Lincoln's-Inn. *D P.*] Ric. Foley, Eſq; Member of Parl. for Droitwich in Worceſterſhire, one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common-Pleas, and Brother to the R. Hon. the Lord Foley. *D J.* —— On friday night died at Lincoln, the Rev. and Learned Mr. James Gardiner, M. A. Sub Dean of that Cathedral, &c. *L E.*

Yeſterday the Printer and Publiſhers of Fogg's Journal of ſaturday laſt, were taken into cuſtody of Meſſengers for the ſaid Paper. *L E.*

Of Poſtills *thy modeſt* Advertiſer, *Friend* Fog,
Declares, I am to'd, that thou'rt an impudent dog,
Who, to keep thee from biteing, ſhould'ſt wear a large plog.

WEDNESDAY, *March* 29.

On thurſday his Excellency the Earl of Cheſterfield made a preſent to the Queen of the picture of the Prince of Naſſau Friſland; and we hear his Highneſs will ſhortly come over to England. *D J. P.*

Mr. Tho. Murray is appointed by the Duke of Argyle to be Deputy Store-keeper at Woolwich. *P.*

Yeſterday was married at Hampton-Court by the Rev. Dr. Skirrit, Zachary Chambers of Cheſea, Eſq; to the Widow Lomax, (Mother of the late Caleb Lomax, Eſq; Member of Parliament for St. Alban's) a Lady of 12,000 l. fortune. *D P.*

On ſunday laſt, about ten in the morning, the woods lying near the Spaniard's by Hampſtead-Heath, were ſet on fire by ſome ill deſigning people; when the ſame (being very dry) burnt with great fury for about two hours; but was happily extinguiſhed, after having much damaged about ten acres. *Ibid.* —— *The* Spaniard *is a bad neighbour.*

Gui'dford, Mar. 27. This day the tryal of Mrs. Dorothy Longley came on here for the murder of her husband John Longley, by giving him Poiſon, called liquid *Laudanum*, on the 28th of Auguſt laſt. It appeared by the evidence of Mr. Seddell the Apothecary, who attended him, that he died a very ſudden and unaccountable death; and he did believe he was poiſoned with *Laudanum*; that at the opening of the body, ſome part of the ſtomach was mortified; and that when they gave a Dog a wine glaſs full of liquor which came out of his ſtomach, the dog was preſently taking with ſleeping, and loſt the uſe of his hind parts, and continued ſo for ſeven hours, and then died. This was confirmed by ſeveral ſurgeons. It was alſo proved, that ſhe ſent for two half ounces of *Laudanum*, one on Saturday, the other on Sunday. She in her defence proved, that he was a groſs man, and was given to ſleeping, and had been a hard drinker; and as to her ſending for *Laudanum*, ſhe took it herſelf for a bleeding

at the nose: she brought several persons to her Reputation. The Counsel for the King then brought evidence to prove as to her character, that she had no good one in the neighbourhood. Upon the whole, after a tryal which lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning to 12 at night, there being no matters of fact proved against her, only circumstances, the Jury, after staying out about three quarters of an hour, brought her in *Not Guilty*. P. —— *It would be a hard case upon the* women, *if they might not now and then* poison *their* husbands, *as well as* husbands starve *their* wives, *without being hanged.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

A Scotch Member acquainted the Society, that by a private letter from Edinburgh he had received advice, that at the late Funeral of one FRANCIS ——RIST, there having been a great hurricane, the populace were of opinion, the Devil had carry'd away the body, as well as the soul; and about three thousand assembled in the streets, crying, it was a *sham funeral:* they seized the leaden coffin, opened it, and beat it flat, then punched it full of holes, and lastly threw it into the grave, with six *dead Dogs* after it. He added that he expected other particulars, in a post or two, which he would communicate when received.

Say, envious GRUBS, why thus is H—y blam'd,
For *Elocution* and for *Action* fam'd?
You see, he daily challenges his Foes:
None dares the Champion face to face oppose.
Nor wonder, since his voice, and limbs, and mien
Are terrible to all, when heard, or seen.
While ancient *Elocution* he restores,
Action reviv'd inforces what he roars.
And should his lungs, or voice, or visage fail,
His brawny brandish'd arm must needs prevail.
Triumphant he would end the whole dispute,
And with one knock-down argument confute. MÆVIUS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *March* 23.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Mar. 29. Madam Magot, a country Farmer's wife 8 leagues from Versailles, is pitch'd upon to be nurse to Madame the fourth. *C. P.*

Carthagena, Jan. 12. We have received advice of a ship bound from Peru, Port Callao, with 1,500,000 pieces of eight for Panama, which was to have been employ'd in purchasing goods left by the last galleons, being intirely lost in her passage, which, with the ill success in the last fair, puts the Galleonista's at Panama in the greatest distress. *D J.*

FRIDAY, *March* 24.

Brussels, Mar. 24. On thursday last, the Count de Kinski, lately the Emperor's Ambassador in France, arrived here from Paris. *C.*

Hamburgh, Mar. 21. We have received advice, that his Prussian Majesty has declared to the Roman Catholick Clergy of his dominions, that in case an immediate stop be not put to the unjust persecution that is carrying on against the Protestants of Saltzburg, he will order all the Roman Catholick Churches to be shut up, and all the Clergy to depart the Country, &c. *C.*

Amsterdam, Mar. 28. Letters from Parma of the 8th take notice, that the levies are continued in that Dutchy, for raising 2 new regiments for the service of the Emperor, which is thought something extraordinary. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *March* 25.

Mantua, Mar. 14. On sunday at 4 in the afternoon the Infante Don Carlos arrived at Florence. The Electrice Palatine met him at Court, and complimented him. After a conversation of about an hour, she went into her apartment, where she received the visit of the Prince, and conducted him to the Great Duke's Chamber, who received him on his bed with extraordinary marks of friendship, and embrac'd him thrice with a great deal of tenderness. *P.*

MONDAY, *March* 27.

On saturday arrived the Mail from Holland.

Seville, Mar. 7. The Count de Mortemar, nominated General and Commander in Chief of the Forces that are assembling in Catalonia, purposes to set out the beginning of next week. *C*

Vienna, Mar. 19. We are assured, that at the breaking up of a great Council of war, which was held some days ago at Prince Eugene of Savoy's, orders were sent to the Battalions which were to return to Germany from Italy, to remain there, and to others, which were marched, but were yet within call, to return back. *C. D P.*

Hague, Mar. 30. Letters from Leipsick advise, that the Duke of Saxe Gotha is dead, leaving issue seven Princes, and two Princesses. *C. P.*

TUESDAY, *March* 28.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Mar. 28. The execution of the gang of Robbers at the Greve is continued: on wednesday last the *Grand Catin* (as she was called) was hanged there, to the great chagrin of the compassionate populace. She was one of the finest women in Paris; and having been debauched by a Person of Quality some years ago, she has had intrigues with several since, who however did not dream of her being a thief, and a harbourer of such people; she flatter'd herself 'till her tryal was ready to come on, that some of them would get her pardon; but when she found herself mistaken, she prepar'd for her exit, and died like a heroine. She was about 24 years old, and her body was carried to the Amphitheatre of S. Cosme to be dissected. *P.* ——*This was better, than to walk the streets of* London, *after such an adventure with* Persons of Quality.

Schaffhausen, Mar. 22. According to some letters from Milan, 8000 Imperialists are actually on their march for Corsica, where will be an army of 15,000 effective men, to act against the Malecontents. *D P.*

Paris, April 2. On monday the King made a considerable alteration in the Ministry, by associating the Keeper of the Seals in the Office of Prime Minister with the Cardinal de Fleury. *P. DP.* The Actions still continue at 1705 livres. *D P.*

This day arrived the Mail from Holland.

Rome, Mar. 15. On thursday evening arrived the Duke de St. Aignan, Ambassador of France. *W E.*

Leghorn, Mar. 15. They work hard repairing and augmenting the fortifications of this place, and new levies are making with great diligence. —— They write from Corsica, that 2000 Malecontents have burnt and plunder'd the province of Olmia, for having submitted to the Republick. *L E.* The Country of Olmia. *W E.* — The Rebels having sacked the Town of Olmia, there marched against them a party of the garrison of Ajaccio, who put the inhabitants of Palestina to flight, burnt the Rebels granaries there, and returned with a booty of 1000 beasts. *S J.* 100 cattle. *D J. Mar.* 29.

WEDNESDAY, *March* 29.

Genoa, Mar. 15. On monday 1000 German recruits arrived at San Pietro d'Arena, to embark for Corsica. *C. DJ.*

Hague, April 4. N. S. 'Our Ambassador Mynheer Van 'Hoey's, Master of the horse, is just arrived express from 'Paris. It is since reported, that the Cardinal Minister 'was retired, and had left the Keeper of the Seals in 'his room. His Eminency's retreat is looked upon here 'as an alarm to war, and as a declaration of the harmony 'between France and Spain in the enterprize the Spanish 'Fleet is going upon. *P.*

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